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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring students in kindergarten through grade twelve to
2 participate in physical education for a specified number of
3 minutes per week.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsections 2, 3, and 4, Code
1 2 Supplement 2007, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. The kindergarten program shall include experiences
1 4 designed to develop healthy emotional and social habits and
1 5 growth in the language arts and communication skills, as well
1 6 as a capacity for the completion of individual tasks, and
1 7 protect and increase physical well-being with attention given
1 8 to experiences relating to the development of life skills and
1 9 human growth and development and physical activity. A
1 10 kindergarten teacher shall be licensed to teach in
1 11 kindergarten. Effective July 1, 2012, students shall
1 12 participate in physical education one hundred minutes per
1 13 week. An accredited nonpublic school must meet the
1 14 requirements of this subsection only if the nonpublic school
1 15 offers a kindergarten program.
1 16 3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one
1 17 through six: English=language arts, social studies,
1 18 mathematics, science, health, age=appropriate and
1 19 research=based human growth and development, physical
1 20 education, traffic safety, music, and visual art. The health
1 21 curriculum shall include the characteristics of communicable
1 22 diseases including acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
1 23 Effective July 1, 2012, students shall participate in physical
1 24 education one hundred minutes per week. The state board as
1 25 part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum
1 26 definitions for implementing the elementary program.
1 27 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and
1 28 eight: English=language arts; social studies; mathematics;
1 29 science; health; age=appropriate and research=based human
1 30 growth and development; family, consumer, career, and
1 31 technology education; physical education; music; and visual
1 32 art. The health curriculum shall include age=appropriate and
1 33 research=based information regarding the characteristics of
1 34 sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV and the
1 35 availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV, and acquired immune
2 1 deficiency syndrome. Effective July 1, 2012, students shall
2 2 participate in physical education one hundred minutes per
2 3 week. The state board as part of accreditation standards
2 4 shall adopt curriculum definitions for implementing the
2 5 program in grades seven and eight. However, this subsection
2 6 shall not apply to the teaching of family, consumer, career,
2 7 and technology education in nonpublic schools. For purposes
2 8 of this section, "age=appropriate", "HPV", and
2 9 "research=based" mean the same as defined in section 279.50.
2 10 Sec. 2. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph g,
2 11 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2007, is amended to
2 12 read as follows:
2 13 All students physically able shall be required to
2 14 participate in physical education activities during each
2 15 semester they are enrolled in school except as otherwise
2 16 provided in this paragraph. ~~A minimum of one-eighth unit each~~
2 17 ~~semester is required.~~ Effective July 1, 2012, students shall
2 18 participate in physical education one hundred minutes per week
2 19 and two credits of physical education shall be required to

2 20 graduate. A twelfth grade student who meets the requirements
2 21 of this paragraph may be excused from the physical education
2 22 requirement by the principal of the school in which the
2 23 student is enrolled if the parent or guardian of the student
2 24 requests in writing that the student be excused from the
2 25 physical education requirement. A student who wishes to be
2 26 excused from the physical education requirement must be
2 27 seeking to be excused in order to enroll in academic courses
2 28 not otherwise available to the student, or be enrolled or
2 29 participating in one of the following:

2 30 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
2 31 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
2 32 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
2 33 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
2 34 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
2 35 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
3 1 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
3 2 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
3 3 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
3 4 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

3 5 EXPLANATION

3 6 This bill requires, effective July 1, 2012, that all
3 7 students in kindergarten through grade 12 participate in 100
3 8 minutes of physical education per week. Also effective July
3 9 1, 2012, students in high school must earn two credits of
3 10 physical education in order to graduate.

3 11 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
3 12 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
3 13 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
3 14 district from state school foundation aid received by the
3 15 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
3 16 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
3 17 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
3 18 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
3 19 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
3 20 state mandates in the bill.

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